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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-81409 published March 21, 2000, to NEC Corporation, with English Abstract.
2. European Patent Application No. 0 969 282 A2 published January 5, 2000, to NEC Corporation. This application corresponds to JP-A 2000-81409.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-81410 published March 21, 2000, to NEC Corporation, with English Abstract.
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,280,587 B1 issued August 28, 2001 to Matsumoto. This patent corresponds to JP-A 2000-81409 and 2000-81410 above.
5. WO 98/02736 published January 22, 1998 to Chiron Diagnostics Corp.

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6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-041919 published February 16, 2001 to NEC Corporation, with English Abstract.
7. Japanese Patent No. 2,737,710 issued January 16, 1998, to NEC Corporation, with English Abstract.
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9. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-2683 published January 7, 2000, to NEC Corporation, with English Abstract.
10. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-146892 published May 26, 2000, to NEC Corporation, with English Abstract.
11. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-146896 published Jay 26, 2000, to NEC Corporation, with English Abstract.

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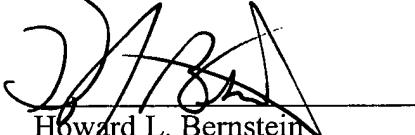
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